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IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE: PD-6

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES
CITY OF PALMDALE TO LOS ANGELES BASIN TRANSPORTATION TUNNEL
CITY OF PALMDALE
RESOLUTION NO. 3881
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that conducting a preliminary study on the feasibility of constructing a transportation tunnel through Angeles National Forest to improve access between the City of Palmdale and the Los Angeles Basin is of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended, therefore, to the City of Palmdale for a preliminary study in the amount of \$62,500 to be funded by the Road Fund at no net County cost.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Palmdale is proceeding with a preliminary study to refine previous planning level work on the feasibility of constructing a transportation tunnel through the Angeles National Forest to improve access between the City of Palmdale and the Los Angeles Basin. The proposed tunnel would begin within the City of Palmdale and exit near the City of Glendale. Your Board's adoption of the enclosed resolution will authorize the expenditure of the County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Palmdale for the City to perform a preliminary study for the project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be extended therefore. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment, and materials or a direct payment to the City.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides funding of a preliminary study on the feasibility of a project to improve access that will benefit the general motoring public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of the preliminary study is estimated to be \$125,000 of which \$62,500 will be financed by the County. Funding of the \$62,500 for the preliminary study is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Resolution has been prepared in the form previously approved by County Counsel

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The preparation of a preliminary study is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board should your Board be asked to consider participating in a project that is proposed by the City of Palmdale as a result of this preliminary study.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

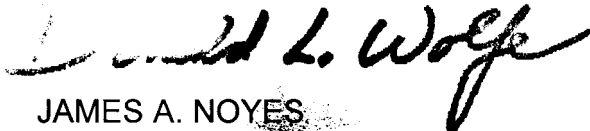
No impact on current services or projects will result from this action

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us with an executed copy of the Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Noyes", written over a faint, dotted rectangular stamp.

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 3881

IT IS RESOLVED that the construction of a transportation tunnel between the City of Palmdale and the Los Angeles Basin is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended therefore for a preliminary study from the Road Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$62,500, to be made available from the Road Fund for this purpose.

Provided, however, that if the aforementioned work has not been started within 60 days from the date of the County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund; and also provided that, immediately upon completion of the work, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the improvements; and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By Franco E. Sull
Deputy